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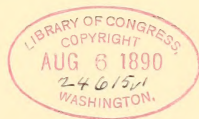


# A CHRISTMAS SONG

FOR

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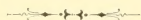
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A Christmas Song for the Sorrowing.



Oh, you to whom the Christmas time  
Brings only bitter tears,  
And agonizing memories  
Of joys of by-gone-years !

Whose ears the merry greetings strike  
    With discords, sharp as pain;  
Who steal away to hide your grief,  
    And weep, and weep again.





What better offering can you bring  
To sanctify the day,  
Than firm resolve for others' sake  
To lay your grief away?

To let no shadow from your past  
    Their happy present chill ;  
With true, unselfish cheerfulness,  
    The whole long day to fill.







It is no easy thing to do —  
To smile and let no trace  
Of all the sorrow in your heart  
Be mirrored in your face.

It is no easy thing, and yet,  
If done for others' sake,  
Some echoes of the joy around  
Must in your heart awake





And who shall say, that in the realm  
Of immortality,  
Your loved ones may not thrill with joy,  
This Sacrifice to see?

Then courage, courage, fainting heart,  
Be equal to the test ;  
So shall you find your Christmas time  
With sacred Peace is blest.

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